

U.S. Mission Morocco

Security Message for U.S. Citizens during Eid al Adha

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U.S. Citizens are advised to pay extra attention to their surroundings during the days prior to Eid al Adha. In recent years, there has been a general increase in petty crime, such as pickpocketing, muggings, purse snatchings and stealing of electronic devices in the streets, souks and tourist areas.

Many Moroccans will be visiting family to celebrate Eid. Due to increased holiday related spending, ATMs are usually depleted of cash and may not be refilled until after the holidays. We advise that you retrieve money now as a precautionary measure. Please also note that roads will be extremely crowded and you may expect to see an increase in aggressive driving.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Morocco enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. U.S. citizens are also encouraged to visit the [U.S. Embassy website](#).

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Internet website at travel.state.gov where the [Worldwide Caution](#), [Country Specific Information](#), [Travel Warnings](#), and [Travel Alerts](#) can be found. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well. In addition to information on the internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, from other countries, on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday, Eastern Time (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Rabat is located at 2 Avenue Mohamed El Fassi and can be reached at 0537-76-22-65. Consular Services are located at the U.S. Consulate General in Casablanca at 8 Blvd. Moulay Youssef. American Citizens Services can be reached at 0522-26-71-51 during business hours. After hours, please call 0522-26-45-50 or 0661-13-19-39.